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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I feel that the settlement between Microsoft and the Justice Department is fair and should be accepted by all eighteen of the original suing states. It is my opinion that the government should leave well enough alone, and let Microsoft get back to business. I do not feel that this is, or ever has been, a government issue. It is matter of business, and since we are a society built upon the ideals of free enterprise and hard work, business should be the last of the government's worries.

Microsoft owns the rights to some of this country's greatest technologies, and now other companies are jealous. Instead of creating products that can compete with Microsoft's, these other companies have aligned themselves with outside interest groups. I have four PC's at home and use Microsoft products daily. I am free to use whatever software I choose, and Microsoft simply provides me with the most consistent quality.

Microsoft is one of this nation's largest employers, and it is truly one of America's greatest corporate assets. As such, it should be allowed to continue doing business the way business was intended to be in America, free of government control and interference. Thank you for settling this case; I appreciate your belief in free enterprise.

cc: Senator Rick Santorum

Sincerely,



Darlene Barni